

April 28

Judith 8:12-17

**“Don’t Try To
Control God”**



Background: The Jews were at great risk of being annihilated. The leaders had decided that if God did not come through for them within 5 days, they would surrender to Nebuchadnezzar. Judith, however, did not agree and spoke to the cities' council:

¹² And now who are ye that have tempted God this day, and stand

**instead of God among the
children of men? ¹³ And
now try the Lord
Almighty, but ye shall
never know any thing.**

**¹⁴ For ye cannot find the
depth of the heart of man,
neither can ye perceive
the things that he
thinketh: then how can ye
search out God, that hath
made all these things, and
know his mind, or
comprehend his purpose?**

**Nay, my brethren,
provoke not the Lord our
God to anger. ¹⁵ For if he**

**will not help us within
these five days, he hath
power to defend us when
he will, even every day, or
to destroy us before our
enemies. ¹⁶ Do not bind
the counsels of the Lord
our God: for God is not as
man, that he may be
threatened; neither is he
as the son of man, that he
should be wavering.**

**¹⁷ Therefore let us wait
for salvation of him, and
call upon him to help us,
and he will hear our voice,
if it please him.**

This woman put the
whole government of
that land in check and
did not let them get
away with their
wavering, wishy-washy
ways.

She tells them: Who are
you to tempt God and
put yourselves in God's
place in front of
people?!

You all don't know
anything. You don't
even know what
humans feel and think
so how can you know
what God, who created
humans, will do?

No, my brothers. Do
not provoke the LORD
to anger! Don't limit
him to five days. He can
deliver us whenever he
wants to, if he chooses

to do so, or he can allow
our enemies to destroy
us. Don't "bind the
counsels of the Lord
our God". Don't try to
restrict, dictate, and
control God's actions.
God is not like humans
and cannot be
threatened. There must
be no ultimatums or
time tables for YHWH.
God doesn't waiver

either. So, let's wait
for his deliverance.
Continue to call on
him for help.
If it's what he wants,
he'll hear us.

This certainly is not the
modern-day pseudo-
religious advice many
get from *church
leaders*. You know who
they are. They are the

name, claim, declare
and decree, demand
and command types of
leaders. They attempt
to “speak” their wants
“into existence”, as they
so often say. They
believe they can say
what’s not true as if it
were true, they pray to
a chair and send “their
angels” to do their
bidding to make things

happen. All of these sorceries, and more, are done in the name of God. They're the twisted religious (and even social) influencers who attempt to manipulate God.

This godly advice from Judith was needful then and certainly applies to situations for Believers

of present times. It's
the kind of faith in God
that is needed in any
situation where
someone else
seemingly, or in fact,
has power over your
life.

That woman, who
wouldn't even be
allowed to speak in
many religious councils

or in many
congregations today,
said something so
powerful that it should
be understood and
remembered by all who
profess faith in Creator.

The message is that
those who seek God for
mercy, protection,
deliverance, or
guidance must ask God,

wait on God, trust God,
and accept the fact that
God may or God may
not do what's asked.
God decides.

Above all, we are never
to try to control the
Most High! He does
not operate by our
time-lines and
deadlines and will
not be controlled.